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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, dated November 3, 2006, in the above-identified application.


Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- 1) A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- 2) An executed Declaration; and

3) A check in the amount of \$130 to cover the surcharge for providing the Declaration later than 30 months from the priority date.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 16, 2006

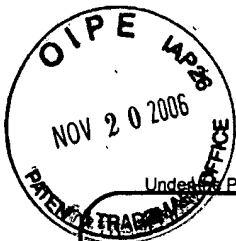
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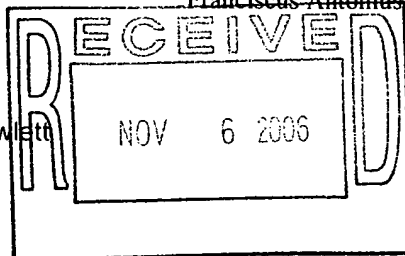


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/08/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/08/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/08/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/08/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 03/08/2006
- Specification filed on 03/08/2006
- Claims filed on 03/08/2006
- Abstracts filed on 03/08/2006
- Drawings filed on 03/08/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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